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P R O C E E D I N G S

(12:35 p.m.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I call the convention to order.

The Secretary will call the roll. Please, will all the people who are standing at the door have a seat while we call the roll? Hold it just a minute, Mr. Secretary.

MR. SCHRAG: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. SCHRAG: Under the order of business we adopted, silent prayer precedes the call of the roll.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your point is well taken, if you insist.

Delegate Schrag has just pointed out that under the rules that we adopted, a moment of silent prayer precedes the roll call. We will now have that moment of silent prayer. I would ask everybody to be quiet, please.

(A moment of silent prayer.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Secretary, would you call the roll?

MR. COOPER: Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Barnes?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Cassell?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Clark?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Coates?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Cooper, here.

Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Croft?

MR. CROFT: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Eichhorn?

MS. EICHHORN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Feeley?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Freeman?

MS. FREEMAN: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Garner?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Graham?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Johnson?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jordan?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Kameny?

MR. KAMENY: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Lockridge?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Long?

MR. LONG: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Maguire?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Charles Mason?

MR. C. MASON: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Hilda Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Jerry Moore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Talmadge Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: Present.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Nahikian?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Nixon?

MR. NIXON: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Oulahan?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Paramore?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Rothschild?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Shelton?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Street?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Terrell?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Delegate Thomas?

MR. THOMAS: Here.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Warren?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Twenty-eight delegates present and  
answering the roll.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There are 28 delegates present.

I'll entertain a motion now to approve the minutes.

Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I move that we accept the minutes, as  
amended.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted, as amended. Discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

It is now 12:40. If you will look at the order of business, let me just list these and see if we can't get out early today. We've got announcements, which won't take very long. We need to establish the meeting dates and times for next week. After that, we're going to have to establish the meeting dates and times for the convention; I don't think we're ready to do that just yet.

We'll then have the ward delegation reports on selections for the ten substantive committees of the convention. Some people have already made those, but all of the wards have not made their reports. We'll have a report from

the Pre-Convention Committee on Resources and Public Relations, and we all have that written report.

We'll appoint the following ad hoc committees: the Statehood Compact Commission and the Statehood Commission. That is a committee to make recommendations on the functions of those two commissions. I will also appoint a committee to draw up for us a citation for the various people and institutions that have provided support to us, and then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. Hopefully, we can get through all of this by 3:30. Certainly, we won't have to go to 5:00 today.

I have some announcements. Delegate Rothschild?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I think it was two meetings ago that I brought up the point that at one of the meetings at UDC, I raised the issue of a discussion of the 90 days, and you said that there was an ad hoc committee that was going to speak to that. I was just wondering where that is coming.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That isn't coming today. We have to decide when we finish our business. It is my hope that today, if we establish our committees, I think we've got to get our staff on board before we start functioning. I would like to be able to start on Monday, but I don't want to do that until we have a staff and until we have our telephones

in, and then we can declare that the convention is now ready to function. So, I'm not ready to do that just yet. We don't have enough information for that.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I don't mean starting the 90 days; I mean deliberating about the fact that we have 90 days and how we want to deal with that, whether or not we want to change it, accept it, or whatever.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Was that a part of the Budget, Space and Personnel Committee report in connection with your discussion with Marion Jackson and the other representatives of the Mayor?

We had an opinion from the Corporation Counsel in that regard. It's my recollection that that was not very clear. There was an indication that there is an exemption for D. C. employees, but there is no exemption for federal employees.

Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if delegate Rothschild could be a little more specific. What I understood him to say is just some discussion about the 90 days. Now, what is there to discuss about the 90 days? It has been legislated. We also have an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that states when that 90 days should begin.

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So, I'm wondering what it is about the 90 days he wants to talk about, if he could be very specific.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Specifically, I think we're under very tight restrictions in terms of our budget and our time, and I think they almost border on being unrealistic if we are really going to do an exceptionally good job and take the time to really consider all the aspects of this constitution.

I feel, personally, that 90 days is too short, and I feel that others may not agree with me. But, nevertheless, I think there ought to be a point before we get into this whole thing to at least examine it and talk about it. Maybe, ultimately, we'll just say the best we can do is accept 90 days; maybe we'll say we can change that, extend it a little, or we have plans down the road. But I'd like some consideration of that.

MR. BALDWIN: I understand. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris and delegate Jackson.

MS. HARRIS: As a point of information, delegate Rothschild, that came before the Rules Committee. When it came before the Rules Committee initially for discussion, the Rules Committee decided not to deal with the 90 days at this time and to get into writing the constitution.

If, in writing the constitution, the delegation feels we need additional time, we could consider asking for that time, but we thought it was premature to ask for it prior to writing the constitution.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I think that issue should go before the whole body at some point.

MS. HARRIS: When the time comes.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Before we get started.

MS. HARRIS: No; when we get into it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson, delegate Love, delegate Moore.

MR. JACKSON: It seems to me that we should follow the order of business on the agenda, and if there are any other questions that people have, they should either put them under "good and welfare" at the end of the agenda or ask for those points before the agenda is set. It seems to me we just waste too much time if we don't.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The point is well taken.

We are now on announcements.

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: I would just like to point out that we do have an operating committee called Rules and Calendar. It

— is the charge of that committee to set up the calendar for the 90 days. I think that's the committee that should deal with this, and I don't think we need to worry about it until that committee comes to us with some sort of issue about it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Announcements: we have some rosters up front here, but we do not have yet the establishment of the various committees. I asked at the last meeting if the various ward delegations would get together and decide who would be on each of the ten substantive committees. I understand that most people have done that, but we don't have that yet.

So, if everybody who is interested in serving on one of those committees would let it be known, even those who have already done that, please sign these rosters over here for the operating committee assignments -- Rules and Calendar, and Style and Drafting.

There is also an ad hoc Committee on Public Information and Media. There is a listing there for that. The Executive Committee will meet to determine the specific procedures for recording time and attendance regarding the payment of per diem, which is a very important item once we get started, and to determine also the time frame for interview and selection of staff.

We have provided for you on the desk, if you haven't noticed, a listing of all the amendments to the rules, and we've provided them separately so that you can see them without having to go through the minutes.

I want to announce that one of our delegates, delegate Talmadge Moore, was sworn in yesterday as a member of the Commission on Human Rights of the District of Columbia.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore asked that he be able to make a ten-minute speech of acceptance, but we ruled that out of order.

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'd like to say also that delegate Kameny's term ended yesterday, and delegate Kameny had been on that commission for seven years, the longest that anybody has served on that committee.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. We're ready now for the next order of business, which is the establishment of meeting dates and times for next week.

Delegate Brian Moore, and delegate Love.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, if one has a correction on the minutes after they've been approved, is there any

procedure?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, that really should have come before they were approved.

MR. B. MOORE: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do we have a procedure?

MS. SIMMONS: The motion was "with corrections." That's what the motion was.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Do you have corrections to make?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes, I do. On the first page of February 18th, 1982, under 3.0.0., it says "motion by delegate B. Moore to table until," and then I don't recognize "that time being a manifestation of the Statehood Commission." I don't recall talking that way, but I recall the idea -- something to the effect of "motion by delegate B. Moore to table until a fuller understanding of the functions of the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission can be clearly determined."

MR. COOPER: Would you please submit that in writing?

MR. B. MOORE: Okay, fine.

MR. COOPER: That was requested at the time you made the motion.

MR. B. MOORE: All right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any other corrections to the minutes? Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: It's not a correction to the minutes, but I noticed an omission from the list of amendments that was also handed out. That is such a complicated document; maybe we shouldn't try to approve it or deal with it today, but we should look it over for the next meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This wasn't for your approval; we've already approved it. This is just for your information, if you wanted it as a separate document. If you saw anything that needed correcting, you could certainly bring it up.

MR. SCHRAG: I do see one thing that was omitted, and that is what we did at our last meeting. We submitted one paragraph from the Committee on Public Information to the functions of Style and Drafting. That's in the minutes, but it didn't show up on this sheet here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Secretary, would you be so advised?

MR. COOPER: The minutes of the 18th, right?

MR. SCHRAG: The minutes of the 18th.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The purpose of listing these separately, since probably nobody is going to review the

— minutes for that purpose, is to let you see those, and you can come back next time if you see corrections. I don't want to take the time today, since the rules have been adopted. If, indeed, at the next meeting you have discovered that there are corrections that need to be made, please do so and raise that issue.

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. President, is it the Chair's intention that the whole set of rules will go to Style and Drafting for them to put together a complete set of rules in one package?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. As a matter of fact, I think we'll do that in draft form so we've had a chance to look at them, and then we can complete them.

The next item of business is to establish meeting dates and times for next week. I would like to have a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday after we've finished the establishment of committees today. Now, I hope we can get that done today, you know, regarding the establishment of committees, and then have those people elect their chairpersons some time next week. We don't need that in order to start the convention.

Therefore, I would rule out Monday, respectfully, with your pleasure, and ask for suggestions on the dates that

— we will meet next week.

Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Samuel Robinson, Ward 5.

I would suggest that we follow the same procedure that we have been using in the past of meeting Tuesday evenings, 6 to 10, at our normal place, 10th and E; Thursday evenings, 6 to 10, at our headquarters at 10th and E; and Saturday at our headquarters, 12 to 5.

However, I would further suggest that we consider meeting for the first -- well, I suppose I'm out of order because I was going to talk about the first week of the actual convention, but we're not at that point yet.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That would be out of order.

MR. ROBINSON: That would be out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do you want to make that in the form of a motion?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, I move that the pre-convention meet next week, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. HARRIS: Point of information. After the committees are established in terms of ward representation --

— and the committees will be meeting next week to organize themselves and elect officers and talk about what they see as some of their responsibilities -- it seems to me that whatever days we establish, three or four, would be strictly committee work. And any meeting that the President so desires should be a plenary session after that work is done; then we'd come back to do that.

So, it might be wise, rather than setting three days, to set four days and let the committees meet within those days, whichever days the committees deem it necessary to meet. That is going to be hard. See, the meetings you set up are as if we've been meeting on a plenary basis, which next week will not be; it will probably be a committee basis. That is what I foresee, so that is my confusion.

MR. KAMENY: Parliamentary inquiry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Parliamentary inquiry.

MR. KAMENY: Is there any need for us as a body here to establish the meeting dates for the individual committees? Those nine people, committee by committee by committee, decide for themselves when they want to meet. I don't think we should be dictating to them.

MR. ROBINSON: It would seem to me that the committees could set their own times.

MR. KAMENY: Yes, that's what I said.

MR. ROBINSON: Once we have placed delegates on the committees, they can set their times for meeting. But it would also seem to me that we need to have plenary sessions next week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask all assembled now if all of these questions and discussions could come through the Chair, just as a matter of expedition.

Delegate Marcus, delegate Baldwin.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, was it the President's intention to operate in the manner in which delegate Harris has set out; that at least one of those plenary session dates would be used as an organizational period for the committees themselves?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, it was not the Chair's intention. The Chair was assuming that we needed that many meetings to tie up our organization. It may not be; we don't have to go on that long, but the suggestion, I think, is a good one.

MR. MARCUS: May I make a comment?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. MARCUS: In regard to the committees themselves setting the dates for their meetings, I think it's a fine

idea, except that some delegates may find themselves in a conflict. And I would suggest that the Chair undertake, or we undertake setting dates for the committees from column A and the committees from column B in the first order, so that we have a specific time for when those committees can actually get off the ground and some of us aren't conflicted.

Do you understand what I'm saying?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'll take that under advisement.

Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: I don't think we should just meet in a plenary session just to meet. I believe that, as far as plenary sessions are concerned, next Thursday and next Saturday would be ideal dates and times for us to meet, and Monday through Wednesday is the time that could be used for the Executive Committee and the other substantive committees to organize themselves.

I was just sitting here wondering what type of business we would take up Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in a plenary session. I, for one, don't see that much business.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: My reason for raising that point is that I thought that if we decided to meet in committee sessions, we should have some clerical help there in order to record and

take minutes or whatever needs to be done.

So, in order to do that, we would need to establish the dates so that the President could identify whatever persons on staff there in our headquarters would be available to us, once we establish the dates the committees would meet within the time frames and dates in order to reap the benefit of the clerical help.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, delegate Long, delegate Corn, delegate Moore.

MS. H. MASON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the delegation. I agree that the committees should set their own times. I think the committees, though, will have to try to set their times for meetings so that there will be no conflict, so that if people who are not on those committees wish to attend other committee meetings, they could do that.

There's another issue which I want to raise in connection with meeting times. Once the committees have set their times, there should be a notice in the D. C. Register so that the public will know when the committees will meet, because we do operate under the sunshine law and that requires that we notify the public when we hold meetings.

So, I'm assuming that the plenary sessions will be set generally; let's say at least once every two weeks. And

then the committee sessions would be set, I assume, about once a week at given times. If there are changes made, we can always notify the public that changes are being made, but we do have to abide by the sunshine law and advertise in the D. C. Register.

So, I hope that we will keep these things in mind, especially advertising in the Register and setting up at times which would not conflict with other committee meetings, if possible, so that we can sit in on other committee meetings and know what's going on before the matters are brought before the body in assembly session. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long?

MR. LONG: I think we're going to have a logistical nightmare. We've got ten committees and if every committee sets its own meeting times, there's no way we're going to get it straight.

I think we, as a whole, should make a clear separation between the first five committee meetings and the second five committee meetings, and that those meetings should be -- to the extent possible, each five should meet simultaneously so that when we set aside Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, we should say Tuesday night is for the first five committee meetings; Thursday night is for the second five committee

meetings. There will be no conflicts developed that way.

If we do that to begin and then have every committee set its own agenda, then there are going to be just innumerable conflicts between the committees. We're going to have to straighten out our schedule so we're not bumping heads all the time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn.

MS. CORN: What I was going to say is this -- thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I don't know that we need three plenary sessions. However, if we do, I would suggest that, first of all, we set up three times, and if we get everything done before we use up our three times, then we just meet one time less.

I also feel that since a few of us in this group have had meetings and other things on Tuesday and Thursday nights that we've been giving up for a long period of time, it seems that once it would be fair to adjust the schedule to a Wednesday-Friday-Saturday kind of thing, or Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, so that those of us who have meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays that we have been missing and missing and missing get a chance once to go.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Talmadge Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: Talmadge Moore, Ward 5.

Mr. President, I just wanted to state that we have at least one day next week as a plenary session, and once we meet, we break up into the respective committees and choose our chairpersons and then return and, with your direction, decide as to what we're going to do for the remainder of the week.

But I would like to see us organize as a group and then break off into little rooms that we have available and select our chairpersons, and then report this information back to the body.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Understanding that we hope, today, to have those committees all filled. We may not have the chairpersons, but we hope to have those committees filled.

MR. T. MOORE: Okay. I wanted to move while I had the floor that a permanent calendar for the 90 days be made available for the delegates on the first day of the beginning of the 90 days. I would like for us to have a calendar for the whole 90 days indicating what we're going to be doing for the entire 90 days.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That motion is not in order at this time. There is a motion by delegate Robinson for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

MR. T. MOORE: Well, I would like to submit that motion at the proper time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, fine.

MR. JACKSON: Point of information, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information?

MR. JACKSON: Was Mr. Long's proposal an amendment?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: He did not make an amendment.

MR. JACKSON: He put something out there which I thought was an amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: He didn't say "I move," so it's not an amendment.

MR. JACKSON: I'm asking him.

MR. LONG: It will be shortly.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's too late now; it couldn't be an amendment now.

MR. JACKSON: Well, the Chair should have asked him in the first place.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, no, no. Delegate Jackson, if the Chair wants to suggest that it might be a motion, he may; he doesn't have to.

MR. JACKSON: I think the Chair should really move on these things. His thing was a logical way of solving the problem, and if we have an out, then the Chair should do that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair elected not to do that so there is no amendment on the floor.

MR. JACKSON: Then the Chair has no purpose.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: Blount, Ward 7.

I'd like to amend that motion for discussion purposes, that Tuesday, the first five committees would meet; Thursday, the second five committees would meet; and Saturday, we would have our plenary session.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded. Do you want to repeat that?

MR. BLOUNT: Tuesday, the first five committees would meet; Thursday, the second five committees would meet; and Saturday we would have our plenary session.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: I'd like to propose a substitute motion. Since the Vice Presidents have oversight for some of these committees, it seems to me that it would be difficult to do it in the way that you have suggested, the first five and second five.

I should like to move that the Executive Committee or the body will come up with time slots when committees can

meet, not to conflict with one another, and then the committees choose those time slots that best suit them. That's my substitute motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. There's a substitute motion on the floor which will be restated.

MS. HARRIS: The substitute motion is that the body, or whatever being, devise time slots within the Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday period that would be available for committee meetings throughout the entire day, and then the committees select which time slots during the week they would like to meet. Therefore, they will not conflict one with the other.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Discussion? Delegates Marcus, Kameny, Jackson, Barnes, Long, Corn.

MR. MARCUS: I rise for two purposes. First, I would remind the body that delegate Freeman and delegate Corn and several others have put on the record a desire to try and move meeting dates off of Tuesday on occasion. So, I would suggest that in this instance we attempt to make any meetings

that we have next week held on Wednesday, simply to accommodate those people that have been missing many meetings. I know that at least one delegate has been missing law school classes as a result of meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The second purpose is to speak against delegate Harris' motion as it stands now, the reason being that I don't think that using that particular method from the beginning or at this point prevents conflict. Rather, I think it engenders conflict among those delegates who may be on two committees which end up wanting to meet at the same time slot.

I would therefore recommend that the body vote against delegate Harris' substitute motion and for delegate Blount's motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Further discussion on delegate Harris' motion? Kameny?

MR. KAMENY: I oppose delegate Harris' motion because I think it's unnecessary. The manner in which the committees are chosen means that, automatically, as long as we sort out the first five committees and the second five committees, which the original motion does -- you will automatically not have conflicts.

Therefore, I think the original motion, not the substitute motion, serves the purpose well, and the substitute

motion is unnecessary, and therefore I urge that it be voted against.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We need two "for" now. Is there anybody to speak for the motion?

MS. H. MASON: I'd like to know to what motion was delegate Kameny referring as being adequate. We've had so many on the floor, I'm confused.

MR. KAMENY: The previous motion that group one committees meet on Tuesday -- that may be changed but, for the moment, that group one committees meet on Tuesday and group two committees meet on Thursday. That automatically eliminates conflict..

MS. HARRIS: And the plenary session on Saturday.

MR. KAMENY: Yes, because any one delegate is only on one group one committee and one group two committee. So, you're automatically unconflicted if you do it that way.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, that was delegate Blount's motion.

MR. KAMENY: Yes.

MR. B. MOORE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. B. MOORE: Are there three motions on the floor, then?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. B. MOORE: Could you repeat them, to clarify the matter?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The first one was delegate Blount's, if I'm correct.

MS. HARRIS: No; delegate Robinson's was the main motion. Delegate Robinson's was Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. The first motion was delegate Robinson's that we meet Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in plenary session. The amended motion was by delegate Blount, and that is that we meet Tuesday for the first five committees, Thursday the second five committees, and Saturday the reporting meeting of the plenary session.

The third was a substitute motion by delegate Harris that the body devise time slots for committee meetings and then people select those. That substitute motion is on the floor.

MS. HARRIS: Can I speak for it, too?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right.

MS. STREET: Point of information. What would be the agenda for the Saturday plenary session?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That has not been discussed yet.

MS. STREET: My question is, would we be ready for a plenary session when we've only had one committee meeting, perhaps to select officers and set up future dates? What would be the business of a plenary session next Saturday?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: I don't know what the business would be, delegate Street, but my motion was to give the committees as much time as they needed within the week to meet.

MS. STREET: I understand that.

MS. HARRIS: The amending motion actually gives the committees one meeting date a week, at the most. Mine gives you as many meetings as you need in the week to fulfill your business and report on Saturday.

Now, on the amended motion of the first five meeting on Tuesday and the second five on Thursday, the way we're going here today I guess the only business we'd be doing there is selecting chairs and talking about what we'll be doing, and reporting that back on Saturday, because this amended motion only gives you one meeting per week for the first committees and one meeting per week for the second committees, and that's all the time you'd have to meet, according to this.

MR. KAMENY: Point of information.

MS. STREET: May I complete my point?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. STREET: I think the operating committees will also need time to meet and organize, and we haven't provided time for those groups. I'm wondering whether we really need a plenary session on Saturday, or whether we need that time for further committee business, if necessary.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kamany?

MR. KAMENY: I wanted to ask if my understanding was correct that if, let's say, the first five committees meet on Tuesday -- if that's the way we ultimately vote, it is my understanding that that would not preclude some of those committees from meeting on Wednesday if they, as a committee, should happen to decide to do so. That is not ruled out, so we're not limited by the motion on the floor to just two committee meetings if the committees themselves to decide to take other time beyond that. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion on the floor is the substitute motion of delegate Harris.

MR. KAMENY: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You opposed that motion?

MR. KAMENY: Yes, I did. But her point was an interpretation of the substitute, and I wanted to question whether her interpretation was correct so that I know how to

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vote.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: May we vote on the substitute motion?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Delegate Blount, I did not understand your motion to be establishing a meeting schedule for the rest of the convention, but only for the --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, we're on the substitute motion now.

MR. LOVE: I understand, but I need to understand his motion first. His motion is just for next week, and that's it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We are now on the substitute motion. If that dies, we'd be back to his amendment.

There has been a point of inquiry by delegate Kameny.  
Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Would you restate your inquiry?

MR. KAMENY: My inquiry referred primarily, really, to delegate Blount's motion, although in commenting on your substitute motion with respect to his, your criticism of his motion was that it would limit each committee to one meeting -- Tuesday for some, and Thursday for the others.

In deciding on how to vote, I needed to know whether my interpretation that his motion did not at all provide that limitation was correct. I understand that it doesn't limit us at all, which would guide my voting on your motion, which is before us.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. I'm saying that his motion leaves the time open so that you could meet Wednesday and Thursday.

MR. KAMENY: Right.

MS. HARRIS: My motion says that you plan out your meetings for the week and you take slots. You might meet Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, but you select your slots out so you have more time to meet and to get your work done for the Saturday meeting. This means that you plan it out for the entire week.

We already said that we have up to five days a week we can work, so it plans out your time. This plans out only three days and you kind of pick the other days, according to committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Three more: delegate Simmons --

MS. HARRIS: Corn and Brian Moore.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We've had much more than two on each side.

MS. HARRIS: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons, delegate Bruning, delegate Mason, and then we're going to vote.

MS. CORN: What happened to the idea of talking about Wednesday and Friday instead of Tuesday and Thursday?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons has the floor.

MS. SIMMONS: Part of my comment is clarification; the other is a general thought that I would like to share with the body.

The plenary will need articles for action, and it seems to me that we're not going to be in readiness to present to the body articles after the first meeting of each of those committees. So, what I'm trying to understand is, except for the operating committees who may have business to bring before this body, it is altogether possible that what we ought to allow for is more committee meetings and fewer plenary sessions.

We may not need a plenary, unless it's to take care of housekeeping business, for two weeks or so. I would just like for that thought to be part of our guidance as we vote on these motions.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let the Chair make a comment about that. I indicated that there would be an Executive

Committee meeting on Monday. It's the Chair's feeling that this body should meet at least once a week.

First of all, there will be an Executive Committee functioning; it will make certain recommendations and it will make certain determinations. We have yet to organize the use of our space; we have yet to get some kind of confirmation from the Mayor regarding the funding, regarding the budget, and regarding staff.

Therefore, until such time as the committees are functioning and all of the housekeeping matters that the body has to be concerned with have been taken care of, I think we ought to meet at least once a week.

I'll take one more "for," and then we're going to vote. Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Mr. President, I want to know if this substitute motion is speaking only to the item on the agenda, which is planning the dates and times for next week, or are we talking about the rest of the convention?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We really should be speaking only to next week, though I think the implication is that it goes further than that. Perhaps we should remind ourselves that we're not prepared at this time to establish a schedule of meetings for the convention, and that your substitute motion,

if it's all right with you, does refer to our meeting dates for next week.

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: May we vote?

Point of inquiry, delegate Bruning and delegate Moore.

MR. BRUNING: You had asked for one more "for?"

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. BRUNING: I'm out.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Talmadge Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: I pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: My point of inquiry is as follows: if we vote for this motion, would that mean that we are tied to a Tuesday-Thursday schedule?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No.

MS. CORN: At what point can we discuss the idea of Tuesday-Thursday versus Wednesday-Saturday?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think the motion is to facilitate meetings. It doesn't limit anybody from meeting any time they want. But we at least need to establish some kind of format that people can at least fit their time schedules into, and also to eliminate too much conflict between

committees on which people serve.

I'd like to go on to the vote, delegate Bruning. Is it urgent?

MR. BRUNING: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Point of order. Would you repeat the motion? Is this delegate Harris' motion?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris' substitute motion to delegate Blount's amendment to the main motion. Once more, delegate Harris.

MS. HARRIS: That the body devise time slots for committee meetings and the committees will select the best time slots that they would like to have within the week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And there was a second to that motion.

All in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion loses. We're back to the amendment by delegate Blount.

MR. ROBINSON: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. ROBINSON: A step in the parliamentary procedure was omitted.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: To cut off debate?

MR. ROBINSON: That is correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion failed, I thought.

May we go on? There is an amendment on the floor. The amended motion is delegate Blount's motion that the first five committees meet on Tuesday, the second five on Thursday, and there will be a plenary session on Saturday.

Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: I'm not sure what the motion is, whether it's a substitute or an amendment to the amendment. But instead of Tuesday and Thursday, I would like to make that Wednesday and Saturday.

MR. SCHRAG: For just this week?

MS. CORN: For just this week, yes.

MR. SCHRAG: The Blount motion is only for this week.

MS. CORN: Yes, but this week I have meetings Tuesday and Thursday. I'd like to move that to Wednesday and Saturday, and then the Saturday meeting would be moved to

Sunday.

MR. KAMENY: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, instead of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday?

MS. CORN: No; Wednesday and Saturday; forget the Friday; Wednesday and Saturday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn has made a substitute motion. The substitute motion is that rather than meet on Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday, we meet on Wednesday and --

MS. CORN: Saturday, and then the plenary on Sunday.

MR. ROBINSON: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order?

MR. ROBINSON: Parliamentarily speaking, can delegate Corn make an amendment to a substitute motion or an amendment after the question has been called or moved?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: First of all, I think she has made a substitute motion because she has changed the dates.

MS. CORN: The question was not called.

MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of delegate Corn's substitute --

MR. ROBINSON: She didn't get a second to that motion.

MR. T. MOORE: There was no second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There was no second?

MR. ROBINSON: No.

MS. CORN: Then call for the second three times.

MR. ROBINSON: No way.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think there was plenty of time. The motion dies --

MR. KAMENY: I'll second it.

MS. CORN: I've got a second now. I move to divide.

MR. CROFT: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I recognize you, delegate Croft.

MR. CROFT: It got a second way afterwards.

MS. CORN: He did not call three times for a second. That is in Roberts Rules; read your Roberts.

MR. ROBINSON: I call the question.

MS. CORN: But I moved to divide; I want to do it on each day.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, do we really have to?

MS. CORN: I would rather have Wednesday and lose on the other two.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me make an appeal to you. This is going to consume an awful lot of time and it doesn't

— look like it's going to be fruitful anyway. Can we go on with the amendment of delegate Blount? You have an opportunity to vote against.

MS. CORN: Okay, I will call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of delegate Blount's amendment, please signify by --

MS. HARRIS: Corn's.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I thought she had responded --

MS. CORN: No, I didn't withdraw it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You didn't?

MS. CORN: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. All those in favor of delegate Corn's motion for Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, signify --

MS. CORN: No, that's not what it was; Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: -- Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, signify by saying aye.

(There were two "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion loses. We are back now to the amendment of delegate Blount: Tuesday, the first five committees meet; Thursday, the second five committees meet; plenary session on Saturday.

Discussion? Delegate Love, delegate Barnes, delegate Bruning, delegate Marcus, and we'll get the rest afterwards.

MR. LOVE: I'd like to move the question. I thought we'd had discussion already. If I'm out of order --

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate --

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order.

MR. KAMENY: I second the call, if it needs it at this time.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order; two for and two against.

MR. LOVE: I said if I'm out of order --

MR. SCHRAG: The motion is in order only if --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I recognize you, delegate Schrag.

MR. SCHRAG: The motion is in order to cut off debate if, and only if, opportunity has been given to two speakers for and two speakers against. I personally hope there are no speakers for and against, but we've got to keep

to the rules or we'll degenerate into complete disorder here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There's no argument on that.

Delegate Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: I'm in favor.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, I'm against.

(Laughter.)

MS. CORN: I'm against.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: I withdraw.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The previous question has been moved. Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate?

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I want a division on this. Those in favor of cutting off debate, raise your hands, please.

MS. HARRIS: Twenty-three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

MR. COOPER: Nine.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion wins. We're back to delegate Blount's amendment. All of those in favor of delegate Blount's amendment -- and let me state it once more; five committees meet on Tuesday, the second five meet on Thursday, and a plenary session on Saturday.

All those in favor of that, signify by raising your hands.

MR. COOPER: Twenty-three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

MR. COOPER: Four.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

MR. COOPER: Four.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The amended motion carries. We're back to the original motion. Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: I'm just trying to get some information. The motion just passed means that you only meet three times next week; you can't meet any more than three times.

VOICES: no.

MR. JORDAN: I'm asking for information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, sir, it does not.

MR. JORDAN: Well, then why are the two days significant?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We plan for meeting on those specific days for those five committees on each of the days, and a plenary session. There is no prohibition against any other meetings.

MR. JORDAN: But there is no consideration of any other meetings either, is there?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Not in that motion.

MR. JORDAN: So, there might not be any more than three meetings next week?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All it says is that there will be no less than three.

Okay, we're back to the main motion, as amended. The main motion was by delegate Robinson that we meet Tuesday 6 to 10, Thursday 6 to 10, and Saturday 12 to 5, at the headquarters at 10th and E Streets.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

MR. BRUNING: I move the question, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been moved. Second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate?

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate, please raise your hands.

MR. LONG: Point of order.

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, two people are allowed to speak for and against the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is that the point of order?

MR. LONG: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been called to the Chair's attention that two people may speak for and two may speak against.

Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: Thank you. I would like to call to the body's attention that a number of people have risen to ask that next week, we meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Therefore, I would move a substitute motion that we change the dates to Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. CROFT: Point of information. Did we or did we not just pass a motion stating that we would meet Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday? Did not delegate Blount's motion pass?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That was on the floor. He is offering a substitute amendment to it.

MR. CROFT: No, no, no. We voted once to close off debate, and then we voted again on the motion by delegate Blount. We voted on that motion. Therefore, this motion is out of order; it is a motion to reconsider business already done.

Another point of order is that you cannot make a substitute motion after a substitute motion has passed, and you can't make a substitute motion that fundamentally alters the intent of the original motion.

MR. MARCUS: Then I rise to a point of personal privilege.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: If anyone wishes to challenge what I'm about to say, then please speak up and do it.

Number one, delegate Croft is right. The only one on the floor now and the only thing the Chair should listen to -- we had an amended motion to the main motion that was passed. The only motion in order is for us to then add that amendment to the main motion and vote on it, and that's it. It's no time for another substitute motion. We're dealing with that

first motion that was amended and, as delegate Croft said, it was carried.

So, the Chair can't entertain any substitutes. This will just go on forever and ever. Everybody will be jumping up. You've got an amended motion, and the amended motion passed, as I understand it.

MR. SCHRAG: No.

MR. BALDWIN: It didn't pass?

MS. HARRIS: Yes, it passed.

MR. BALDWIN: I'm asking him; he's shaking his head.

MS. HARRIS: The amendment passed.

MR. BALDWIN: Didn't the amended motion pass?

MS. HARRIS: On the session.

MR. COOPER: The amendment passed, but we haven't voted on the motion, as amended.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, I'm saying the amendment to the motion passed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it, hold it.

Delegate Blount's motion specified days of the week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It specified the number of committees that meet on each of those. The main motion dealt with time. The amendment did not deal with time.

So, we're back to the main motion now, and the only

thing we need to consider is the time, right?

MS. HARRIS: That's right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would like to move on.

Delegate Marcus, is there any reason I shouldn't move on?

MR. MARCUS: There's a reason why you should listen to what I have to say, and the reason --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you going to repeat what you've already said?

MR. MARCUS: No; I'm going to say something different. I appreciate what delegate Baldwin says; I believe that he's correct. The parliamentary problem that we just had could have been avoided, had people not risen to speak for and against in a flippant fashion. In fact, we could have avoided any discussion of a reconsideration, had the Chair called on people in the order in which they raised their hands to speak for and against, rather than individual delegates jumping up and yelling "for" and "against" at that time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair thought that he had done so.

MR. BALDWIN: During the session in which the assembly had decided this question -- and it definitely decided this question -- another main motion raising the same or substantially same question cannot be introduced. So, you

keep trying to deal with a motion, as delegate Croft said, when you've got this main motion, with amendments, on the floor.

So, I don't understand how you think you can just forever bring in substitute motions to actions that we have taken. When will we ever get to the main question?

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Mr. Baldwin asked us to speak up if we disagreed with him, so I must speak up.

I think what Mr. Baldwin has just read is correct, but I don't think that delegate Marcus' motion is substantially the same as the Corn motion that failed. The Corn motion dealt with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, whereas the Marcus motion deals with Wednesday only.

Since it's substantially different from the Corn motion, I don't think we've already considered it and I don't think it's a reconsideration. I disagree with the Marcus motion, but since the main motion is on the floor, I believe the Marcus motion is in order. It's not the same as the one we've already disposed of.

MR. BALDWIN: Why don't you classify the motion, then, delegate Schrag? Is that an amendment to the amendment? It has to have some class. Now, where does his motion fall?

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MR. SCHRAG: His motion is a new amendment to the main motion that's on the floor.

MR. CROFT: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft?

MR. CROFT: It is out of order. The only way his motion could have been in order would have been if he had made a substitute motion before the amendment passed.

MR. BALDWIN: That's exactly right.

MS. H. MASON: Point of inquiry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: I thought he was making an amendment to the main motion that is before us.

MR. CROFT: No.

MS. H. MASON: I'm sorry. It was my interpretation that he was making an amendment to the motion, which was the main motion, which was before us. If he was not, I wish somebody would tell me how he was not.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Blount made an amendment to the main motion. If he had a motion, he would be called an amendment to the amended motion, which would be an attempt to amend what Mr. Blount said.

You can't have three or four amendments to a main motion, delegate Mason. We accepted Mr. Blount's motion, which

— was an amended motion. If someone else wants to amend, then you get up and say, "I want to amend the amendment."

MS. H. MASON: Mr. Chairman, may I continue?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. H. MASON: If we are wrong here, then the Congress is wrong and the Council is wrong and the Board of Education is wrong, and every other organization with which I have been affiliated is wrong.

You can amend a main motion as many times as you wish. There is nothing that says you cannot amend a main motion.

MR. BALDWIN: I agree with that.

MS. H. MASON: The other problem I have is that I don't feel any sense of negotiation to try to accommodate the delegates who are here. Now, I think that motion was a reasonable motion. Whether you like it or not, you could hear it.

We have wasted a lot of time; look at the time. We've wasted a lot of time arguing the procedures instead of trying to listen to what people are trying to do. If you don't like it, you can vote it down.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, we will accept that in the interest of moving on.

Would you restate your substitute?

MR. MARCUS: My substitute is to hold our meetings next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. HARRIS: Point of information. In light of what the President has stated, I think that that motion is clearly out of order because we have determined meeting dates and now we're only dealing with time, specifically.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. HARRIS: If it relates to that, I can see that. But you asked for reconsideration of what has been done.

MR. BALDWIN: That's right.

MR. JACKSON: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information.

MR. JACKSON: As I understand the rules, if the motion substantially alters the original tenor of the amendment, it is not an amendment, but a substitute motion. I'm asking you to rule on whether this is an amendment to the amendment or a substitute motion. I believe it's a substitute motion; a substitute motion is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Inasmuch as delegate Blount's motion, which passed, set a specific time, specific days -- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday -- and indicated what would happen

on each of those days, there was an amendment to the main motion. The main motion dealt with time as well as days. The days have been amended. The time is all we need to vote on now.

The only thing that there can be a substitute motion on, as I see it, is to change the time. I ask now for a vote on the main motion, and the main motion is delegate Robinson's motion. May we proceed?

The President is calling for the vote. I think we've had enough time on this. I don't think this is very fruitful; I don't think that the technicalities are worth going on with this anymore.

All in favor of delegate Robinson's motion, which sets the time at 6 to 10 on Tuesday and Thursday and at 12 to 5 on Saturday, signify by raising your hands, please.

MR. COOPER: Nineteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

MR. COOPER: Six.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstaining?

MR. COOPER: Three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, that motion carries.

MR. LONG: Mr. President, under this order of business, I move that the two operating committees meet on

Wednesday evening of this week between the hours of 6 and 10 at our regular place of business.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the operating committees meet on Wednesday from 6 to 10 at our regular meeting place. Discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. We're now at item 6 of the agenda.

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We're now at item 6 on the agenda.

MR. T. MOORE: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

MR. T. MOORE: I had a motion previously.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What was that in regard to?

MR. T. MOORE: Mr. President, I wanted to move that the permanent calendar for the 90 days be made available to the delegates on the first day of the beginning of the 90 days so we would know what we were going to be doing for the entire 90 days.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is an appropriate subject, but let us put that under New Business, all right, and go ahead with the order of the agenda right now. Thank you very much, and if I forget, please remind me again.

MR. LOVE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it; let me make a statement now. Look at your agendas now. Number 9 now reads "Adjourn." Let's make number 9 "New Business," and number 10 "Adjourn."

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: I would like to tell people that there are two operating committees, Rules and Calendar, and Style and Drafting. Those are volunteer committees, which means if you are interested in being --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, you're out of order.

MR. LOVE: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is the prerogative of the Chair. The Chair is knowledgeable; the Chair intends to make

that known.

MR. LOVE: The problem is that they are meeting Wednesday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I understand, but you're out of order, sir.

MR. LONG: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, sir?

MR. LONG: Under this item of business, Ward 2 has not made its decisions. However, they will make their decisions by Tuesday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I will call on each ward in its turn.

For the third time now, item number 6 is award delegation reports on selections for the ten substantive committees of the convention. Let me ask ward by ward, starting with Ward 1.

MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to have a recess for ten minutes so we could caucus on this and so we could make sure that we all know what our assignments are.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do you have your entire delegation here, and could this be done perhaps in five minutes?

MR. JORDAN: Yes, sir, it could be done in five

minutes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded to recess to give the delegations an opportunity to further make their selections.

All in favor of the motion?

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, a ten-minute recess. Let us come back at 1:53.

(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Ladies and gentlemen, we are now on item number 6. Let me go ward by ward and ask if Ward 1 has had an opportunity to caucus with its members and make decisions regarding the membership on each of the ten substantive committees.

Who speaks for Ward 1?

MR. BRUNING: I do. The assignments are as follows, as agreed upon --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. I asked a question. Have you had an opportunity to caucus?

MR. BRUNING: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And all of you are in agreement

— with what you've come up with?

MR. BRUNING: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

MR. BRUNING: And I might add that it's an amicable agreement.

Preamble and Rights, Maruice Jackson.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Could you go slowly? I'm sorry.

MR. BRUNING: Preamble and Rights, Maurice Jackson; Legislature, Marie Nahikian; Executive, Anita Shelton; Judiciary, Bob Love; Finance and Taxation, Rich Bruning. And for the other five committees: Local Government, Bob Love; Education, Marie Nahikian; Health, Housing and Social Services, Maurice Jackson; Economic Development, Anita Shelton; Suffrage, Apportionment, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, Amendments and Revisions, Rich Bruning.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Secretary, do you have all that?

MS. HARRIS: I have it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

Who speaks for Ward 2? Delegate Maguire?

MS. MAGUIRE: I apologize to the delegation, but Ward 2 is unable to come to any agreement, so we will not be able to have our committee assignments today, but we will by

the meeting this week have our members there.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The first order of business at our next meeting on Tuesday will be the completion of these committee, and you will have that decision by then?

MS. MAGUIRE: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, thank you.

Ward 3?

MS. CORN: I speak for Ward 3. Preamble and Bill of Rights will be Frank Kameny; Legislature, Phil Schrag --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please go very slowly.

MS. CORN: Preamble and Bill of Rights, Frank Kameny; Legislature, Philip Schrag; Executive, Gloria Corn.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: How about even a little slower? Go ahead.

MS. CORN: Judiciary, Oulahan; Finance and Taxation, Joel Garner.

Now, for the second set of committees, Ward 3 respectfully will submit it by the next meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask you, have you had an opportunity to caucus with all of your members, and does this represent a decision?

MS. CORN: Extensively, yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Ward 4?

MS. HARRIS: In Ward 4, we have --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you speaking for Ward 4?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: I have them written a little bit differently: Jeanette Feeley for Legislative; for Education, Victoria Street; for Executive and Local Government --

MS. JONES: Are you reading them both at the same time?

MS. HARRIS: Yes, top and bottom.

MR. JORDAN: Would you read that again, please?

MS. HARRIS: If you want me to do just the top, I shall.

Rights and Preamble, Charlie Mason; Judiciary, Janet Harris; Legislative, Feeley; Executive, Street; Tax and Finance, Cooper. The second group: Local Government, Victoria Street; Education, Feeley; Health and Housing, Charlie Mason; Economic Development, William Cooper; Suffrage, Apportionment and Recall, Harris.

Charlie Mason is not completely satisfied with Health and Housing, and there has been no attempt by anybody else to negotiate. So, that second one is in question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

MR. C. MASON: There is no question about the first group of five. The second group of five -- there was no meeting of the group prior to just now, at which time it appeared that all of the slots had been filled except the one remaining one, which was the housing one. There had been no opportunity for negotiation, give-and take, or anything, with regard to either group. But I was quite satisfied with what got in the first group.

MS. HARRIS: May I answer that?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. HARRIS: It was our understanding that at Thursday night's meeting, we would take this issue up of committee members for each of the committees. Ward 4 did not have time to meet, but each person was called on the phone. Feeley was called first, and Street and Cooper, and Mason, who was in a meeting, and Harris.

As the names were called, people selected the committees they wished. When it got down to the third person, the first and second choices of people had been taken and they agreed to take one of the groups that had been left.

In my attempt to call Council member Mason's office on Wednesday, I left my name. I called for she and Mr. Mason;

they both were in meetings. I left my name that I had called. And when we came to the meeting on Thursday, I typed up the list and I said to Mr. Mason that I typed off this list and that as of that moment, I had selected my two, because two were open.

There were four open for the two of us and I selected my two and there were only two left, which were Rights and Preamble and Health and Housing. He said he did not like Health and Housing. On Thursday, I called people to ask them to renegotiate with him on his choice and nobody wanted to renegotiate, and that's where we are.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris and other members of Ward 4, can you have this resolved by next Tuesday?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. This means a general caucus, with the agreement of all people?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MS. H. MASON: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: I rise to say that I have very good staff in my office and they usually tell me when I get a phone call. I got no message that I got a phone call from delegate Harris. I'm not saying you did not call, but I have good staff people. All these people that call know that I know

when I get a call and I call them back.

I am sorry that there was a mistake, but my concern is that there was no caucus before today.

MS. HARRIS: Are you speaking for yourself on the committee or for Charlie Mason? I'm not sure who you're speaking for.

MS. H. MASON: Well, you gave my name out, Madam Vice President, and I am responding to the remark that you made that my office was called, and I do not have it on record. They keep a carbon copy of every call that comes in; there was nothing on record showing that you had called.

Thank you, Mr. President.

MS. HARRIS: I think your staff might have been slipping, Council Member Mason, because --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, I think that's enough on that.

Who speaks for Ward 5?

MR. ROBINSON: Robinson, Ward 5.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, let me ask you, has your ward had an opportunity to caucus and does this represent a consensus?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

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MR. ROBINSON: Rights and Preamble, Michael Marcus; Economic Development, Michael Marcus -- first set, second set.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: They're asking you to do the first set first.

MR. ROBINSON: Michael Marcus, Rights and Preamble; Harry Thomas, Judiciary; Talmadge Moore, Legislature; Samuel Robinson, Executive; Norman Nixon, Education.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Who is on Finance and Taxation?

MR. ROBINSON: Norman Nixon. That's all for the first group. Second group: Talmadge Moore, Local Government; Michael Marcus, Economic Development; Norman Nixon, Education; Samuel Robinson, Health and Housing; Harry Thomas, Suffrage, Apportionment, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, Amendments and Revisions. That's Ward 5.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Who speaks for Ward 6? Delegate Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Preamble and Rights, Charlotte Holmes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Holmes, has Ward 6 had an opportunity to caucus, and does your report represent a consensus?

MS. HOLMES: We met yesterday at 5:30.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All the members of your delegation?

MS. HOLMES: All but one, and that one was out of town. We had mentioned to her that we were having a meeting. At first, she said she could make it; later on, she said she couldn't.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: So, your report represents the decisions made by four of the people in your delegation?

MS. HOLMES: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let us have them, please.

MS. HOLMES: Preamble and Rights, Charlotte Holmes; Legislative, Graham; Executive, Gerry Warren; Judiciary, Jan Eichhorn; Finance and Taxation, Howard Croft.

MR. JORDAN: Could you go through those again, please?

MS. HOLMES: Preamble and Rights, Charlotte Holmes; Legislative, Graham; Executive, Gerry Warren; Judiciary, Jan Eichhorn; Finance and Taxation, Howard Croft.

Local Government, Jan Eichhorn; Education, Gerry Warren; Health and Housing, Graham; Economic Development, Howard Croft; Suffrage and Recall, Charlotte Holmes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I have a preference given to me by one of the members of your delegation, Gerry Warren, which is different than that. I would imagine that, come Monday, if there are any resolutions to make, that would have been worked out also.

MS. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, delegate Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: That same committee that she gave to you -- three people wanted that, so we had to take a vote.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Was that delegate a part of the vote?

MS. HOLMES: Her name was in the hat.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I say, did that delegate cast a vote?

MS. HOLMES: No, she didn't cast a vote, but three people wanted it besides her.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would think there would be some resolution. I hope that these committees, since they're going to have to function for the next 90 days, people can be reasonably certain that the procedures have been fair and acceptable and they accept the committees they're on.

I would hope that by Monday, there would have been some resolution of whatever differences there are on that committee.

Ward 7?

MR. BLOUNT: Ward 7 has caucused.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask you the same question. Have five people participated in this?